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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Noriyoshi SHIDA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/006,648

Group Art Unit: 1762

Confirmation No.: 2208

Examiner: Kirsten JOLLEY

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For: FILM FORMING APPARATUS AND FILM FORMING METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 6, 2003 to March 6, 2004.

Please charge the statutory fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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